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SUBJECT: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: SOVIET CONCERNS

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1. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MAKAYEV, INVITED SOME MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION TO A LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. THE SOVIETS WISHED TO EXCHANGE IMPRESSIONS WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION ON THE STATUS OF THE SESSION NOW AND TO CONVEY THEIR VIEWS OF WHAT WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME. IN ADDITION TO THE HOST, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL NESTERENKO, HIS ASSISTANT, AND TWO USSR MISSION OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT. AS USUAL AT THESE BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET OFFICIALS DEALING WITH UN ECONOMIC MATTERS, NESTERENKO LED THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE CONVERSATION.

2. THE SOVIETS ARE COMPLETELY RELAXED REGARDING THE SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH BEDEVIL THE U.S. AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. THE G-77 WORKING PAPER CAUSES THEM NO PROBLEMS,
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AND INSOFAR AS IT REFLECTS "PROGRESSIVE" PRINCIPLES, THEY

WELCOME IT. THEIR CONCERN IS EXCLUSIVELY ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH PRECEDES THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF WORKING PAPER NO. 1. (SEE PAGE 2 OF REFTEL.)

3. THE PREAMBULAR RESOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AT ALL IN ANY OF THE MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR OF THE G-77/WEO CONTACT GROUP. IT HAS BEEN TACITLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE "UMBRELLA FORMULA" WOULD BE DEALT WITH ONLY AFTER THE SIX SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF THE G-77 WORKING PAPER NO. 1 HAD BEEN CONSIDERED. THERE IS LOGIC IN THE NOTION THAT THE UMBRELLA FORMULA CAN BE PUT IN PLACE ONLY AFTER THE CONTENTS OF THE MAIN TEXT HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE G-77 AND OURSELVES ON THE UMBRELLA TEXT COULD BE ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT FEATURES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. FOR THAT REASON, THE TACIT UNDERSTANDING REFERRED TO ABOVE SUITS THE U.S. DELEGATION WELL.

4. THE SOVIETS PLAN AT THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH THE G-77 CONTACT GROUP ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 8 TO SUGGEST CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PREAMBULAR RESOLUTION. AT THE LUNCHEON, NESTERENKO PASSED US A COPY OF THE LANGUAGE CHANGES THEY WILL BE SUGGESTING TO THE G-77. THE SOVIET PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE QUOTED BELOW.

5. IN RESPONSE TO NESTERENKO'S REQUEST FOR OUR PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE SOVIETS, MINCOUN KITCHEN OUTLINED OUR VIEW THAT THE PREAMBULAR RESOLUTION SHOULD BE THE OBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS ONLY AT THE VERY END OF THE SESSION. THE SOVIETS GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THEY INTENDED TO DESIST, HOWEVER.

"PREAMBLE

1. INSTEAD OF THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF THE PREAMBLE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: "REAFFIRMING THAT INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, EXTENTION OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS TO ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD, EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT ARE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF ALL COUNTRIES.

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RECOGNIZING THAT EFFORTS AIMED AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GREATER COOPERATION AMONG STATES IN THE FIELD OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS IN OTHER FIELDS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WHOLE WORLD."

2. IN THE SIXTH PARAGRAPH THE WORDS

"IS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO PURSUE THEIR DEVELOPMENT", TO
REPLACE WITH THE WORDS

"BASED ON EQUITY, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INTERDEPENDENCE, COMMON
INTEREST AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL STATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF
THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS WHICH SHALL CORRECT INEQUALITIES
AND REDRESS EXISTING INJUSTICES, MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE
THE WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND ENSURE STEADILY ACCELERATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE
GENERATIONS".
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